Thursday, September 21
Securing Collective Land Tenure for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities: the Foundation for reducing conflict, eradicating poverty, conserving biodiversity, mitigating climate change and achieving gender justice
Sandra McGuire, Communication strategist
More than 2 billion of the world’s people live in, and depend on, forests and drylands. These areas cover roughly half of the earth’s surface and store 70% of the planet’s terrestrial carbon. Among these billions of people are the Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities who live on and manage approximately 65 percent of the world’s land area in customary or traditional systems. Despite existing laws that secure their rights, rarely do Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities have formally recognized ownership of their land. These rights are contested, often leading to human rights abuses and environmental degradation. Clarifying and securing forest and land tenure supports global development and environmental goals, including securing the rights of women and girls.
http://thetenurefacility.org/

Monday, September 25th
How I found my way back to horses
Dawn Sadler, Owner of H2HC and Horse companion!
Horses have found their way into the hearts of women for centuries, often a dream unrealized because of commitments that directs us elsewhere.
Companion Connection Training bridges that gap by educating women on relationship, communication, grooming and safe horse handling. An hour talk includes information, exercises and Q&A.
http://www.heart2horseconnection.ca/

Tuesday, October 3
The Essential Preparations for Our Golden Years
Shirley Roberts, Author of Doris Inc.: A Business Approach to Caring for Your Elderly Parents.
Most people avoid planning for their golden years until a crisis jolts them into action, which often has detrimental consequences. Shirley will help participants prepare in an informed and proactive way.
http://dorisinc.ca

Thursday, October 12
Cultural Heritage, Social Justice and Human Flourishing
Christine Sypnowich, Professor. Department of Philosophy, Queen’s University
What is the relation between social justice and cultural heritage? As many Kingstonians know, cultural heritage is a fragile value, vulnerable to powerful economic interests. Moreover, some people believe heritage is trivial, or conservative, or entails processes of ‘gentrification’ at odds with equality. However, if equal human flourishing involves diverse sources of value and self-realisation, then heritage has an important role to play.

Art in the Jean Royce Lounge: September 7 – November 9. Work from Susanne Langlois’ “Why and how did you paint that? A glimpse into an artist’s process” will be on display in the Jean Royce Lounge at the BRC. Susanne Langlois’ talk will be held on Thursday, November 9 at noon.

Please Note: On occasion, a talk will be cancelled due to events beyond our control. If you are not on our email list, we suggest that you call the BRC before a talk to make sure it has not been cancelled. For more information, please contact Lisa Webb: webbl@queensu.ca or (613) 533-6000 ext. 75363
Thursday October 19
How Adverse Childhood Experiences get under our skin
Eva Purkey, Assistant professor, Global Health Director, Department of Family Medicine
Adverse Childhood Experiences are increasingly well-known determinants of adult health influencing everything from mental health and health behaviors such as addiction to physical health including cardiovascular disease and cancer. Despite the tremendous importance of these experiences from a social and public health perspective, they remain under-addressed by society at large and by the medical community.

Thursday November 9
“Why and how did you paint that? A glimpse into an artist’s process”
Susanne Langlois, Artist
Susanne paints in three distinct styles: still life botanicals, abstracts and contemporary landscapes featuring wind turbines. She will speak about her work and her creative process, including how and why she was drawn to these styles. She will also discuss the role of creativity in the life of the individual and the community.
http://www.susannelanglois.com/

Monday November 13
Change for Families in Need
Dorothy Evans, Director of Change for FIN
Change for FIN is a registered not for profit corporation comprised of a group of dedicated individuals in the Kingston community committed to reducing the impact of violence in the lives of children and their families. Through partner collaboration, they hope to establish a Child and Youth Advocacy Centre in Kingston to offer a coordinated and collaborative care while addressing the needs of child and youth victims of abuse. CYACs provide a child-focused, multidisciplinary team approach to the investigation, treatment, and prosecution of child and youth abuse. The goal is to minimize any additional system-induced trauma and to enable children to provide stronger evidence which can in turn lead to an increase in charges laid, guilty pleas, convictions and appropriate sentencing.
CYACs have been in existence for 30 years and have been proven to offer the best practice with respect to providing advocacy, consistency and trauma-informed support to victims and their non-offending caregivers.
http://www.changeforfin.com/

Tuesday November 21
Landscapes of Resistance: Community Opposition to Canadian Mining Company Operations in Guatemala
Alexandra Pedersen, PhD Candidate. Department of Geography and Planning. Queen’s University
This presentation seeks to amplify the voices from the community from La Puya (Guatemala) and focuses on individual and collective experiences of violence used against defenders of human, Indigenous and human rights.

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Everyone is welcome. Space is limited.